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**Youth Headlines**

**Youth Opportunity Grants Leadership Institute Announces Dates for 2002.** The National Center for Strategic Nonprofit Planning and Community Leadership (NPCL) is pleased to announce its 2002 schedule of Institute training sessions. The series of National 200-Level Institute sessions will be hosted July 20-26, 2002 in Leesburg, VA and also from December 7-13, 2002 in San Diego, CA.

The Institute is *now open to all youth development practitioners*. NPCL will also offer customized training services, both regionally and locally, to all of the YO! centers and other youth organizations. For more information or to register your staff, please contact Linda Reed, Director; Yolanda Tully, Associate Director; or Karen David, Intake Coordinator of the YOG Leadership Institute at 202-822-6725 to register your staff or e-mail: [kdavid@npcl.org](mailto:kdavid@npcl.org).

**2002 National Youth Leadership Network Conference Set for July 26-29: Invites Applications for Young Leaders with Disabilities, ages 16 - 24.** Conference goals are to help prepare the next generation of disability community leaders and to develop recommendations for improving policies and services for young people with disabilities. This year's conference will focus on employment and career development. Approximately 70 young leaders will be chosen to participate. **Deadline: February 28, 2002.** To obtain an application, please call Elizabeth Guerrero (800) 410-7069 ext. 110 or download an electronic version from the Internet: [.](#)

**Justice Department Invites Proposals for Grants Under "Going Home: Serious, Violent Offender Reentry Initiative."** The Office of Justice Programs (OJP), U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and its Federal partners, including the U.S. Departments of Labor, Education, Health and Human Services, and Housing and Urban Development, are requesting applications for grants under the "Serious, Violent Offender Reentry Initiative." State and local governmental units are eligible to apply for grants up to \$2 million to expand existing reentry programs that target offenders, ages 14-35. **Deadline: May 15 by 5:30 p.m. (EST).** Download an application from [.](#) You may also call the DOJ Response Center at 1-800- 421-6770 to request a hard copy.

**Conference: Project-based Learning.** The 10th Annual KIDS WHO KNOW AND DO conference on project-based learning will take place in San Francisco, CA, April 25-26, 2002, with pre-conference sessions on April 24. The conference will include lab sessions, workshops, and a walking tour of San Francisco that illustrates a way to teach

math through an exploration of architecture. Register before March 15 to save \$60. To learn more, to register, or to find out how to become an exhibitor, go to [www.kwkd.net](http://www.kwkd.net), e-mail to [pbl@co-nect.net](mailto:pbl@co-nect.net), or call 617.995.3222.

**Youth Opportunity Grant (YOG) Employment Peer-to-Peer Workshop.** A peer-to-peer workshop, "Tools for Building Your Employment Component," will be offered for Youth Opportunity (YO) Grantees in New York City on March 13 - 15. This workshop will cover job readiness training, job development and follow-up. Each YO site is expected to send a senior staff person who has lead responsibilities for the employment component of your program. Hotel arrangements and an agenda will be sent by mid-February. For more information, please contact Charles Modiano at 202/693-3605 or [cmodiano@doleta.gov](mailto:cmodiano@doleta.gov).

**National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Serve Your People, Secure Your Future.** Native American students, enrolled in institutions of higher learning, are invited to apply for 11-month fellowships with the NCAI to gain experience in legislative action and policy development. Applications are being accepted now for eleven-month fellowships beginning in September. For more information please contact Aura Kanegis ([akanegis@ncai.org](mailto:akanegis@ncai.org)) at NCAI, (202) 466-7767.

### **WIA Youth Updates**

**Information Related to "Sunset" of School-to-Work (STW) Opportunities Act of 1994.** With the sunset of the STW, the STW web site ([www.stw.ed.gov](http://www.stw.ed.gov)) is no longer available. For workforce and education information, go to the Web site of Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration ([www.doleta.gov](http://www.doleta.gov)) or the Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education ([www.ed.gov/offices/OVAE](http://www.ed.gov/offices/OVAE)). Materials and features from the former site will be incorporated into those sites as appropriate.

For grant-management information, STW grantees should contact their assigned project officers. For answers to questions related to the management of Learning Center lines of credit, subcontracts, and other activities, contact the Learning Center: 800.251.7236. For general questions, contact Amy Bennett of the Office of Vocational and Adult Education at 202.260.0558 or Chris Kulick of the Employment and Training Administration at 202.693.3937.

### **Regional News**

**Region I - New York. Regional OYS staff conducted Youth Council training for the Bergen County, New Jersey workforce area.** In attendance were youth providers, WIB and Youth Council members and representatives from the school system. Presentation was focused on strategic planning as a tool to generate a solid direction for the work of the Youth Council. For more information contact Howard Knoll at [Hknoll@doleta.gov](mailto:Hknoll@doleta.gov).

**Region I - Boston. OYS & Job Corps organized a job shadow day.** The Job Shadow "groundhogs" included representatives from the Grafton and Westover Job

Corps Centers and the Boston Youth Opportunity Center. Job Shadow activities included shadowing the Regional Administrator and front office personnel, shadowing the Director of Youth Services and attending a Training Center operated by a local union with a representative from ATELS. For more information contact Renata J. Abjibodou at .

**Region III - Atlanta. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed between the Georgia Department of Labor and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).** The MOU is intended to help the State of Georgia stabilize lives of its citizens and the local housing economy caused by the layoff effects of the tragedy of September 11, 2001. Proposed activities include participation in local job fairs, membership on Labor's rapid response team, allowing claimants to have direct linkage from Labor's Government-1 web page to HUD web sites on housing counseling services, foreclosures, and incorporation of housing counseling information at local One-Stop Centers throughout Georgia. For more information contact Gene Caso at .

**Region VI - San Francisco/Seattle. Staff attended the California Workforce Association Youth Conference on February 5-7.** Co-sponsoring the event was "New Ways To Work", "San Francisco and the California School-To-Career Action Network" in partnership with "DOL, Region 6", "CalWIB", "EDD", "California Dept of Education" and the "National Youth Employment Coalition". Workshop topics included youth engagement, performance measurement, youth councils, system building, designing good programs and examples of best practices. For more information about this event contact Sandra Waterhouse at .

### ***Publications/Reports/Resources***

**National Leadership Institute WIB Survey Available Online.** The Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers University and the National Leadership Institute has released the results of their national survey of Workforce Investment Boards nationwide. The survey follows up an initial survey performed last year, and shows vast improvement in leadership development activities. Download a copy of the report on the Internet at: .

**The National Commission on Service-Learning Issues Report "*Learning in Deed: The Power of Service-Learning for American Schools.*"** The commission, chaired by Senator John Glenn, engaged in a yearlong review of service learning. The report features its findings, along with recommendations and a call to dramatically expand service learning in the public schools. To download the report, go to: . For more information, go to the Web site of Learning-in-Deed: .

**Meeting the Collaboration Challenge: Workbook for Nonprofits.** The Drucker Foundation for Nonprofit Management offers an on-line workbook and tools for developing strategic alliances between nonprofit organizations and businesses in order to build healthy, cohesive communities. Download the workbook from: [ml"](#)

**Career Pathways Report Highlights Intermediary Network Members.** The

December 17, 2001 issue of "Career Pathways Report" cites achievements of the Middle Rio Grande Business and Education Collaborative (MRGBEC) and the Boston PIC, two Intermediary Network members. The Report notes that MRGBEC recently received the National Alliance of Business Distinguished Performance Award, see . A second article describes the statewide replication of the Boston PIC's efforts to link schools and work. For more information go to: [www.bostonpic.org](http://www.bostonpic.org).

### **Funding Opportunities**

**Funding Opportunity: Skills Training Programs.** U.S. DOL, ETA announced the availability of grant funds for skills training programs for employed and unemployed workers. **Deadline: February 19.** For more information, go to:

<http://wdsc.doleta.gov/sqa/sqa.asp>

**American Bar Foundation offers Summer Research Fellowships in Law and Social Science for Minority Undergraduate Students.** Summer research fellowships are available to interest minority undergraduate students in pursuing graduate study in the social sciences. The students will work at the American Bar Foundation's offices in Chicago, Illinois and receive a stipend of \$3,600. **Deadline: March 1.** For more information, go to <http://www.abf-sociolegal.org/mpost.html> .

**American University Washington Internships for Native Students Program.** Native American and Alaska Native students are eligible for a summer program at American University (AU) in Washington, D.C. that provides the opportunity to intern in an executive federal agency. The award includes free housing in AU residence halls, a stipend for meals and living expenses, and free tuition worth 6 credit hours at American University. **Deadline: March 1.** Contact: American University Washington Internships for Native Students Program at [www.american.edu/wins](http://www.american.edu/wins) or 202-885-4967.

**Funding Opportunity Announced for New or Existing Family Literacy Programs in Florida.** The Governor's Family Literacy Initiative, a public -private partnership, invites nonprofit or public entities located in Florida to apply for grants to help improve literacy among parents and encourage family participation in teaching children to read. Grants for up to \$50,000 will be awarded. **Deadline: March 29.** For more information visit the Florida Literacy Coalition at .

### **Websites**

**Berkshire County Launches Website and More.** The Berkshire County Regional Employment Board (BCREB), serving western Massachusetts, in collaboration with other youth-service agencies, has launched an informational Web site to help people access youth services. View the site at: [www.berkshireyouth.org](http://www.berkshireyouth.org). BCREB has also received \$20,000 to engage 20 young people in resource mapping. The participants will receive stipends for identifying youth services and activities in the county. -

### **Important Dates to Remember**

**February 19 - 21.** *Rewarding Youth Achievement Peer-to-Peer Training for Youth*

*Opportunity Grantees*. San Diego, CA. For more information contact Donna Kelly at 202/693-3934 or .

**February 25- 27.** *Occupational Skills Peer-to-Peer Training for Youth Opportunity Grantees*. San Antonio, TX. For more information please contact Susan Rosenblum at 202-693-3597 or .

**March 1.** Deadline for entries to the Youth Opportunity Grants film contest. For details, please contact Anne Stom at (202) 693-3377 or

**March 1-March 22.** Date of entries for the VIDE-YO! Film Contest.

**March 13-15.** Employment Peer-to-Peer workshop. New York, NY. For more information contact Charles Modiano at Cmodiano@doleta.gov

**March 20-23.** *National Service Learning Conference* at the Seattle Convention Center. Applications are available on the NYLC web site at:

**April 10 - 12.** *Arts to Career Peer-to-Peer Training for Youth Opportunity Grantees*. Denver, CO. (See article above) For more information please contact Gloria Salas-Kos at 202/693-3596 or

**April 18.** Deadline for Seventh Annual PEPNet Award Recognition. Applications are available on the National Youth Employment Coalition web site:

**April 28-30.** Mark your calendar now for the RURAL WORKFORCE 2002 CONFERENCE to be held April 28-30 at the Reno Hilton - Reno, NV. For more information visit .

**May 1-3.** Year 3 Youth Opportunity Grant Partners Meeting - Tampa, FL. Contact: Hugh Davies, (202) 693-3497 or .